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SUBJ: SHAH'S VIEWS ON OTHER COUNTRIES

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON NUMEROUS SUBJECTS WITH SFR CHIEF MAY 28, SHAH APPEARED NOT TO BE GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST. TEST HAD UPSET PAKISTANIS, HE NOTED, BUT INDIANS DO NOT HAVE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SHAH IS STILL PLANNING PAY TWO-DAY RETURN VISIT TO INDIA IN LATE SEPTEMBER ON WAY TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

2. SHAH HAD SCHEDULED TRIP TO FRANCE JUNE 24 AT POMPIDOU'S INVITATION WHICH HE EXPECTS TO BE RECONFIRMED BY GISCARD FRANCE BADLY NEEDS NEW PROGRAMS, QTE MORE INNOVATION THAN MERE WALKING TO INAUGURATION UNQTE, HE OBSERVED, SO GISCARD HAS HIS WORK CUT OUT FOR HIM.

3. IN DISCUSSING OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN PASSING THROUGH CRITICAL PERIOD LATELY, SHAH THOUGHT THAT BRANDT'S DEPARTURE FROM POWER MIGHT BE GOOD THING, QTE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF EAST GERMAN ESPIONAGE ASPECT UNQTE. COMMENT: THIS REMARK MAY REFLECT SHAH'S CONCERN THAT DETENTE IN EUROPE, WHICH HE ASSOCIATES WITH BRANDT, MIGHT RESULT IN GREATER SOVIET PRESSURE IN MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT ADEQUATE COUNTERVAILING AMERICAN

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PRESSURE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE TOLD VISITING NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE GROUP MAY 7 THAT DETENTE IN EUROPE WOULD ENABLE RUSSIANS TO

SHIFT TWENTY DIVISIONS TO REGIONS BORDERING ON MIDDLE EAST.
END COMMENT.

4. SHAH EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT HIS PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING
RELATIONS WITH ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAD PROGRESSED SO
FAVORABLY. RECENT AGREEMENT FOR ALMOST ONE BILLION DOLLARS
IN JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS WITH EGYPT WAS MOST IMPORTANT.
IN ADDITION IRAN NOW HAS COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
SYRIA, SUDAN, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, ZAIRE, ETHIOPIA, NIGERIA,
IVORY COAST, LESOTHO, AND EVEN SOUTH AFRICA.
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